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2009 CROP PRODUCTION

The 2009 Idaho crop season began with a cool and wet spring that slowed crops progress and field work. Warmer temperatures allowed most crops progress to be only slightly behind normal by the end of spring while mostly above normal spring precipitation left topsoil moisture at 27 percent surplus leading into summer. Warm summer weather and timely rainfall kept many cereal crops and potatoes in good to excellent condition throughout the growing season. An average snow pack and moderate temperatures helped avoid any widespread irrigation water shortage during the year. Potatoes, corn for grain and barley all set record yields in 2009.

April began with below normal temperatures and above average precipitation making field work slow and soggy. Many extension agents reported snow covered fields in the first week of April. The snow melted by midmonth but many fields were still too wet for field work. Weather conditions improved in the last week of April allowing many farm operators to catch up on field work.

Crop progress and field work was delayed by a return of wet and cool conditions the beginning of May. Despite the poor conditions, corn planting began in both Twin Falls and Power Counties. Frost damage to sugarbeets was reported in Eastern Idaho the first two weeks of May. The month closed with warm and dry weather that helped many crops to progress close to their five year average.

Warm and dry conditions continued in the beginning of June. Potato and barley planting were essentially complete. Alfalfa's first cutting was progressing nicely for most of the state. Mid-June saw heavy rainfall that halted field work and stranded cut hay in the fields. June ended with reports that many crops were in good to excellent condition. Warm and dry temperatures helped many farm operators advance alfalfa harvest. Some areas of the Southwest and South-Central districts advanced into the second alfalfa cutting.

Weather conditions for July were mostly dry with average temperatures. Small grains and potatoes were mostly in good to excellent condition for the month. Statewide, winter wheat was

91 percent headed and 26 percent turning color in the beginning of July. The first and second cutting of alfalfa was slightly behind average. Barley and spring wheat began to turn color by mid-month. July ended with the winter wheat harvest beginning and the first cutting of alfalfa complete.

Rainfall in North Idaho slowed grain harvest in the beginning of August. Potatoes had closed middles and some areas reported vines dying. Barley and spring wheat were mostly headed and harvest had begun in some areas. By mid-month, the winter wheat harvest had passed the half way mark and almost all barley and spring wheat had turned color. The month ended with most crops still in good to excellent condition. Winter wheat harvest was almost complete at 91 percent statewide and several areas reported winter wheat planting.

September started with reports that all districts had begun winter wheat planting and winter wheat harvest was drawing to a close. Oats, spring wheat and barley harvest were 85, 76, and 71 percent complete, respectively. Dry weather aided dry bean and dry pea harvests and allowed mint 1st cutting to advance ahead of its 5 year average. All southern districts had begun harvesting potatoes. Most small grains harvest was nearing completion by mid-September and alfalfa 3rd cutting was more than half complete. September ended with above average temperatures and little moisture. Peach and barley harvests came to a close and onion harvest was 82 percent complete.

October started with below normal temperatures and significant rainfall for most of the state. More than half of all potatoes were harvested and all districts reported winter wheat emergence. Onion harvest was essentially complete, at 95 percent, and the apple harvest was 24 percent complete. The middle of October brought snow and frost to several areas of the state which slowed harvest. Sugarbeet harvest, at 43 percent, was 10 percent above the five year average and apple harvest progressed to 40 percent complete. Potato harvest and winter wheat planting drew to a close in the last weeks of October. Field corn harvested for grain, at 32 percent complete, was 25 percentage points behind the five year average. Most winter wheat had emerged by the end of October.

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2009 IDAHO ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY

CROP	YEAR	ACRES		YIELD PER ACRE	UNIT	IDAHO'S RANK IN THE NATION	PRODUCTION	PRICE PER UNIT ¹	VALUE OF PRODUCTION ¹
		Planted	Harvested						
		<i>Thousands</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
WHEAT, ALL	2007	1,235	1,175	71.2	<i>Bu.</i>	10	83,645	6.56	549,000
	2008	1,400	1,330	73.8	"	9	98,170	6.38	626,694
	2009	1,310	1,250	79.3	"	7	99,130	4.75	469,179
WHEAT, WINTER	2007	750	710	73	"	9	51,830	6.56	340,005
	2008	850	800	75	"	10	60,000	6.06	363,600
	2009	740	700	81	"	10	56,700	4.45	252,315
WHEAT, SPRING (EXCLUDING DURUM)	2007	470	450	68	"	5	30,600	6.60	201,960
	2008	540	520	72	"	5	37,440	6.86	256,838
	2009	550	530	77	"	5	40,810	5.05	206,091
DURUM WHEAT	2007	15	15	81	"	5	1,215	5.79	7,035
	2008	10	10	73	"	5	730	8.57	6,256
	2009	20	20	81	"	5	1,620	6.65	10,773
BARLEY	2007	570	550	78	"	2	42,900	4.02	172,458
	2008	600	580	86	"	2	49,880	5.86	292,297
	2009	530	510	95	"	2	48,450	4.80	232,560
OATS	2007	70	20	61	"	19	1,220	2.40	2,928
	2008	70	20	69	"	19	1,380	2.95	4,071
	2009	80	25	78	"	15	1,950	2.45	4,778
CORN, ALL	2007	320	315	--	"	--	--	--	--
	2008	300	295	--	"	--	--	--	--
	2009	300	295	--	"	--	--	--	--
CORN, GRAIN	2007	--	105	170	"	32	17,850	4.96	88,536
	2008	--	80	170	"	32	13,600	4.32	58,752
	2009	--	80	180	"	32	14,400	4.25	61,200
CORN, SILAGE	2007	--	210	27.0	<i>Tons</i>	6	5,670	--	--
	2008	--	215	27.0	"	6	5,805	--	--
	2009	--	215	27.5	"	6	5,913	--	--
HAY, ALL	2007	--	1,450	3.69	"	8	5,345	142.00	752,995
	2008	--	1,410	3.96	"	7	5,588	198.00	1,091,772
	2009	--	1,510	3.66	"	8	5,528	114.00	615,370
HAY, ALFALFA	2007	--	1,150	4.10	"	3	4,715	143.00	674,245
	2008	--	1,130	4.40	"	3	4,972	201.00	999,372
	2009	--	1,140	4.20	"	3	4,788	115.00	550,620
HAY, OTHER	2007	--	300	2.10	"	32	630	125.00	78,750
	2008	--	280	2.20	"	33	616	150.00	92,400
	2009	--	370	2.00	"	30	740	87.50	64,750
SUGARBEETS	2007	169	167	34.4	"	2	5,745	36.90	211,991
	2008	131	116	31.2	"	4	3,619	42.00	151,998
	2009	164	163	34.3	"	2	5,591	2/	2/
DRY EDIBLE BEANS	2007	90	89	18.0	<i>Cwt</i>	5	1,602	29.00	46,458
	2008	80	79	18.5	"	5	1,462	37.00	54,094
	2009	100	99	20.0	"	5	1,980	27.10	53,658
POTATOES, ALL	2007	350	349	373	"	1	130,010	6.15	799,562
	2008	305	304	383	"	1	116,475	7.15	832,796
	2009	320	319	411	"	1	131,000	5.75	753,250
LENTILS	2007	38	37	11.50	"	4	426	29.90	12,737
	2008	38	37	9.50	"	4	352	33.20	11,686
	2009	53	52	12.50	"	4	650	26.00	16,900
AUSTRIAN WINTER PEAS	2007	6.0	5.0	13.00	"	1	65	13.40	871
	2008	5.0	4.0	14.00	"	1	56	22.40	1,254
	2009	8.0	6.0	16.00	"	1	96	23.50	2,256
DRY EDIBLE PEAS	2007	25.0	24.0	17.00	"	4	408	14.80	6,038
	2008	37.0	36.0	15.00	"	4	540	15.40	8,316
	2009	42.0	41.0	19.00	"	4	779	10.40	8,102
WRINKLED SEED PEAS	2007	--	--	--	"	2	135	18.00	2,430
	2008	--	--	--	"	2	160	33.20	5,312
	2009	--	--	--	"	2	180	29.50	5,310
CANOLA	2007	20.5	19.5	12.80	<i>Lbs</i>	--	250	16.20	4,050
	2008	22.0	21.5	13.50	"	--	290	15.10	4,379
	2009	15.0	14.5	17.00	"	3	247	14.00	3,451

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		<i>Thousands</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
ONIONS ³	2007	9.3	9.1	750	<i>Cwt</i>	4	6,825	2.70	14,648
	2008	8.8	8.6	720	"	4	6,192	7.40	38,643
	2009	9.0	8.8	740	"	4	6,512	8.30	44,339
HOPS	2007	--	2.9	1,417	<i>Lbs</i>	3	4,105	2.77	11,371
	2008	--	3.9	1,841	"	3	7,240	4.00	28,959
	2009	--	4.0	1,943	"	3	7,829	3.75	29,359
MINT, PEPPERMINT	2007	--	13.5	95	"	3	1,283	13.40	17,192
	2008	--	14.0	100	"	3	1,400	16.40	22,960
	2009	--	16.3	100	"	3	1,630	19.80	32,274
MINT, SPEARMINT	2007	--	0.9	120	"	3	108	13.80	1,490
	2008	--	1.2	135	"	3	162	14.70	2,381
	2009	--	1.2	120	"	3	144	15.70	2,261
APPLES ⁴ (COMMERCIAL CROP)	2007	--	--	--	"	15	35,000	0.252	8,820
	2008	--	--	--	"	10	85,000	0.220	18,663
	2009	--	--	--	"	11	50,000	0.235	11,750
PEACHES ⁴	2007	--	--	--	<i>Tons</i>	9	6.86	1,150.00	7,879
	2008	--	--	--	"	10	7.42	681.00	5,050
	2009	--	--	--	"	9	8.30	877.00	7,280
CHERRIES, SWEET ⁴	2007	--	--	--	"	6	1.50	2,100.00	3,146
	2008	--	--	--	"	5	1.80	3,120.00	5,622
	2009	--	--	--	"	5	2.70	1,100.00	2,975
PRUNES & PLUMS ⁴	2007	--	--	--	"	4	1.72	709.00	1,219
	2008	--	--	--	"	4	2.18	585.00	1,275
	2009	--	--	--	"	3	2.00	496.00	991
TOTAL CROP VALUES ⁵	2007	--	--	--	"	--	--	--	2,723,800
	2008	--	--	--	"	--	--	--	3,279,778
	2009	--	--	--	"	--	--	--	2,603,629

1/ Marketing year price. 2009 is preliminary. 2/ 2009 sugarbeet price and value not yet determined. 3/ Summer storage crop. Production includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss. 4/ Data shown are for utilized production which is the amount of fruit sold plus quantities used at home or held in storage. 5/ Total value includes unpublished values from miscellaneous crops and an allowance for 2009 sugarbeets valued at 2008 prices.

2009 UNITED STATES CROP SUMMARY

CROP	YEAR	ACRES		YIELD PER ACRE	UNIT	IDAHO'S RANK IN THE NATION	PRODUCTION	PRICE PER UNIT ¹	VALUE OF PRODUCTION ¹
		PLANTED	HARVESTED						
		<i>Thousands</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
WHEAT, WINTER	2007	45,012	35,938	41.7	<i>Bu</i>	9	1,499,241	6.13	9,077,574
	2008	46,307	39,608	47.1	"	10	1,867,333	6.57	11,936,139
	2009	43,311	34,485	44.2	"	10	1,522,718	4.70	7,060,386
WHEAT, SPRING (EXCLUDING DURUM)	2007	13,292	12,942	37.1	"	5	479,623	7.16	3,519,240
	2008	14,165	13,517	40.5	"	5	548,004	7.31	3,958,175
	2009	13,268	12,955	45.1	"	5	584,411	5.25	2,952,687
BARLEY	2007	4,018	3,502	60.0	"	2	210,110	4.02	834,954
	2008	4,246	3,779	63.6	"	2	240,193	5.37	1,259,357
	2009	3,567	3,113	73.0	"	2	227,323	4.40	917,500
OATS	2007	3,763	1,504	60.1	"	19	90,430	2.63	247,644
	2008	3,247	1,400	63.7	"	19	89,135	3.15	269,763
	2009	3,404	1,379	67.5	"	15	93,081	2.10	216,566
CORN, GRAIN ²	2007	93,527	86,520	150.7	"	32	13,037,875	4.20	54,666,959
	2008	85,982	78,570	153.9	"	32	12,091,648	4.06	49,312,615
	2009	86,482	79,630	165.2	"	32	13,151,062	3.70	48,588,665
CORN, SILAGE	2007	--	6,060	17.5	<i>Tons</i>	6	106,229	--	--
	2008	--	5,965	18.7	"	6	111,619	--	--
	2009	--	5,605	19.3	"	6	108,209	--	--
HAY, ALL	2007	--	61,006	2.41	"	8	146,901	128.00	16,842,233
	2008	--	60,152	2.43	"	7	146,270	152.00	18,638,748
	2009	--	59,755	2.47	"	8	147,442	111.00	14,990,083
SUGARBEETS	2007	1,268.8	1,246.8	25.5	"	2	31,834	42.00	1,337,173
	2008	1,090.7	1,004.5	26.8	"	4	26,881	48.00	1,289,621
	2009	1,183.2	1,145.3	25.8	"	2	29,519	3/	3/
DRY EDIBLE BEANS	2007	1,527.4	1,479.2	17.30	<i>Cwt</i>	5	25,586	28.80	748,680
	2008	1,495.0	1,445.2	17.68	"	5	25,558	34.60	910,200
	2009	1,537.5	1,463.0	17.33	"	5	25,360	30.90	793,722
POTATOES, ALL	2007	1,141.9	1,122.2	396	"	1	444,875	7.51	3,339,710
	2008	1,059.6	1,046.9	396	"	1	415,053	8.42	3,770,462
	2009	1,069.8	1,045.0	413	"	1	431,425	8.00	3,452,276
LENTILS	2007	303.0	295.0	12.37	"	4	3,650	26.00	92,100
	2008	271.0	261.0	9.17	"	4	2,393	33.80	80,943
	2009	415.0	407.0	14.40	"	4	5,859	26.20	153,359
AUSTRIAN WINTER PEAS	2007	29.0	10.0	11.80	"	1	118	13.20	1,567
	2008	17.5	8.0	13.00	"	1	104	22.40	2,286
	2009	20.5	13.7	13.28	"	1	182	22.50	4,088
DRY EDIBLE PEAS	2007	847.5	811.3	20.08	"	4	16,287	13.10	212,296
	2008	882.5	847.3	14.48	"	4	12,270	13.40	166,945
	2009	863.3	837.9	20.45	"	4	17,137	8.99	154,118
WRINKLED SEED PEAS	2007	--	--	--	"	2	541	16.50	8,926
	2008	--	--	--	"	2	580	30.90	17,912
	2009	--	--	--	"	2	874	26.90	23,493
ONIONS ⁴	2007	113.2	109.7	536	"	4	58,769	5.69	298,758
	2008	109.3	105.7	523	"	4	55,278	9.96	500,276
	2009	109.4	104.0	547	"	4	56,827	9.25	472,551
APPLES ⁵	2007	--	--	--	"	15	9,045,400	0.288	2,608,220
	2008	--	--	--	"	10	9,515,700	0.232	2,205,974
	2009	--	--	--	"	11	9,739,100	0.228	2,222,759
PEACHES ⁵	2007	--	--	--	<i>Tons</i>	9	1,115.9	450.00	502,087
	2008	--	--	--	"	10	1,113.5	490.00	545,854
	2009	--	--	--	"	9	1,084.6	549.00	595,103
CHERRIES, SWEET ⁵	2007	--	--	--	"	6	306.2	1,820.00	557,056
	2008	--	--	--	"	5	240.7	2,390.00	575,314
	2009	--	--	--	"	5	375.6	1,340.00	504,879
TOTAL CROP VALUES ⁶	2007	--	--	--	"	--	--	--	166,148,484
	2008	--	--	--	"	--	--	--	168,202,307
	2009	--	--	--	"	--	--	--	157,537,951

1/ Marketing year price. Averages computed by weighting State prices by estimated State sales and therefore may differ from the computed averages. 2009 is preliminary. 2/ Planted acreage is all corn planted (excluding sweet corn). 3/ 2009 sugarbeet price and value not yet determined. 4/ Summer storage crop. Production includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss. 5/ Data shown are for utilized production which is the amount of fruit sold plus quantities used at home or held in storage. 6/ Total value includes unpublished values from miscellaneous crops and an allowance for 2009 sugarbeets valued at 2008 prices.